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### **MMS Issues Seismic Permits for Chukchi Sea**

*Three Companies to Conduct Surveys in July*

**ANCHORAGE** -- The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has issued seismic survey permits to Shell Offshore Inc., ConocoPhillips Alaska Inc. and GX Technology Corporation for the Chukchi Sea for the 2006 summer and fall.

The permits are conditional upon the companies obtaining required authorizations from both the National Marine Fisheries Service and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The companies have entered into conflict avoidance agreements with the appropriate North Slope communities to avoid conflict with subsistence activities. Companies do not plan to begin surveys until mid-July. Surveys can be conducted until November 30, 2006.

More information concerning these permits can be found on the MMS web site at:  
<http://www.mms.gov/alaska/re/recentgg/recentgg.htm> .

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